



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takeshi Kamio, et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,404

Group Art Unit: 1731

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Examiner: John M. Hoffman

For: METHOD FOR SINTERING POROUS-GLASS MATERIAL, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2
of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.